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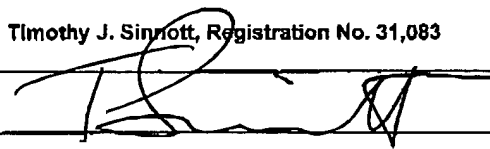
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action dated 18 November, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (once amended) An aqueous antimicrobial composition for disinfecting, sanitizing or cleaning surfaces, comprising:
- (a) about 0.5% to 10% by volume of at least one essential oil exhibiting antimicrobial properties in a water carrier;
  - (b) about 2 to 12% by volume of a solvent sufficient to form an aqueous mixture of the essential oils in the water carrier;
  - (c) sufficient water to make up 100% by volume; and
  - (d) about 1 to 1000 ppm of an agent for introducing ions into the water.
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